

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE**  
**GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD COURSE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 7, 2016**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Sandy Vegh, Chairperson

**B. ROLL CALL**

Matt Russell – City Council Liaison –Budget Meeting  
Dan Yancy - City Council Liaison - Budget Meeting  
Joe Brown- Dir. Parks & Rec. - Present  
Mike Chandler, GC Staff Liaison - Excused  
Sandy Vegh - Present  
Cody Fox- Excused

Donna Sadd- Present  
Gordon Irwin- Resigned  
Craig Foster – Present  
Frank Somera Jr. - Present  
Marc Payne – Present

**C. ACTION ITEM-**

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** Gordon motioned to accept the minutes of March 3rd, and Craig seconded. Minutes approved.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT- Re: Turkey Creek Signs,** Tim Leverenz did not attend Tuesday's City Council meeting<sup>1</sup>, as he advised Joe in an email. He told Sandy that he wanted to hear this board's decision first on whether to remove the new directional signs from the neighborhood, and also asked us to notify Turkey Creek residents of any future changes to the golf course prior to implementation. He mentioned that he would be attending the next council meeting. Police Lt. Stoddard reported that he saw no reason for the signs to be removed because of a safety issue. He pointed out that the kids who go to Turkey Creek Academy get escorted into and out of the day care by their parents, that the playground is fenced in and that the main traffic to the golf course is on the weekends when the academy is closed. He stated that safety is of a greater concern for children living on Wolfe Road. Frank mentioned that he had canvassed his Turkey Creek neighbors who commented that drivers always go through the neighborhood, and they had not noticed an increase in traffic since the signs went up. Gordon spoke with Mr. Leverenz who told him his concern is with the future of the pool area when we have shows. He's worried about traffic and noise from these shows. Marc made a motion not to remove the Turkey Creek directional signs; Craig seconded; and all agreed. Motion carried; the signs will remain. Public Works would need to be contacted to put a stop sign at Hawk and Eagle Trails; however, this board learned that "SLOW Children at Play" signage was a contentious issue with the city several years ago and has decided not to move forward.

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<sup>1</sup> Members of the Board were in attendance, and Marc Payne presented photos of the new signage to City Council and requested that they consider changing the Yield sign at Hawk & Eagle Trails to a Stop sign.

## **D. OLD BUSINESS-**

### **1. PRIORITIES LIST-**

**a. Short Game, Cody Fox, Assistant Chairperson,** Cody spoke with Dave Pelz who advised that we can make a chipping green in the driving range by the 75 yard marker where there is a small hill. The cost is approximated at \$10,000.00 or less. Resurfacing the putting green is also an option, but cost remains at issue. Another idea was to run a 20-foot high fence 100 yards out at the north side of the driving range and designate it for short game only. In 2017, \$120,000.00 is allocated for golf course improvements, with \$105,000.00 going towards construction and \$15,000.00 for Architecture and Engineering. A long discussion was held on options. Ultimately, efforts should be focused on what is going to bring players to our course. Joe mentioned the way to go might be to make the putting green usable.

### **2. JOE'S REPORT, Joe Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation**

**a. City Manager's Report- [Handout: March report]** The City Manager's Report will now be emailed to board members. Revenues are at \$104,726.87, and the best we had was \$128,000.00. Right now we're at the stage of building the base. The biggest expense was personnel. Contractual Services Expense was for herbicides and a new drainage apparatus that Mike's going to install. Four tournaments, including a junior high tourney scheduled for later this day, are slated for the month of April, and a youth golf program is scheduled to start in Mid-April. Flyers were sent to all the schools and five kids have already signed up. We're continuing to be aggressive regarding kids' programs. Parks and Rec. is seeking out service providers to teach youth golf through the summer months. Ellie Fox's short game coach, Janet Gadey of Texas Junior Golf Academy (206-953-7137), should be approached. A lot of fertilizing and spiking was done in March. Public rounds, member rounds and green fee member rounds were all down for March. However, there is an issue regarding members not checking in, which throws the actuals for annual green fees off. Trail fees are also off for the same reason, and greater accountability is needed. If the golf course can get 40 hour coverage in 1 more recreational aide, it could transform volunteerism into the marshal piece. The golf course is preparing to demolish the old pro shop now that auctions have been conducted. Plumbing and electrical will be capped and re-purposed in the new structure. Per Sect. 2-55.1, Council Members Appointments and Assignments, council members do not do reports. Joe went to the Capital Outlay Plan Committee and lobbied for the purchase of the NH3 control, which will eliminate bad batches of water flowing onto the greens. The cost is \$13,000.00 turnkey, and it is being added to the Capital Outlay Plan.

**b. Snack Bar-** Joe is presenting a proposed concession agreement to City Council on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Restrooms-** The concrete ribbon is done on the #5 bridge and concrete is slated to be poured at restroom #10.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

**RESTORATION FUND, Joe Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation, [Handout: Hills of Cove Golf Course Project List],** Instead of only looking to the General Fund to fund the long list of projects, the golf course will charge a user fee of \$2.00/per player and create a fund *solely* for golf course improvements. If we had a restoration fund for the last four years, we would have \$172,000.00 to go towards our projects. Now it would amount to a little over \$33,000.00 annually. The fund would be transparent and the users would see where their money goes. City Council has already approved the Restoration Fund for FY2017 budget, which will go into effect 10/1/2016. Calling it a *GIF*, for Golf Course Improvement Fee, was discussed. Joe will bring estimated costs for these projects to next month's meeting, and this board will give direction as to which FY2017 projects the amount of \$105,000.00 should apply. In the best interest of this golf course, figuring out how we're going to fund projects is an absolute must. We've got to study local municipal golf course fees of Lampasas, Sammons, Stonetree and Delaware Springs, compare our annual and senior green fees and decide where we should be

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<b>Course</b>	<b>Annual Green Fees</b>	<b>Senior Green Fees</b>
Hills of Cove	\$625	\$475
Lampasas	690	690
Sammons	775	625
Stonetree	900	625
Delaware Springs	1,085	1,085

## **F. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

1. Map of Driving Range Area for the Short Game
2. Quotes on Nets and Poles

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm. The next meeting will be May 5th at 1:30 pm.